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COUNTRY: LIBYA/MALTA

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF LIBYAN EXTERNAL SECURITY ORGANIZATION OFFICERS
THROUGH MALTA IN DECEMBER 1988

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TEXT: 1. ON 7 DECEMBER 1988, LIBYAN EXTERNAL SECURITY ORGANIZATION (ESO) OFFICER ABDELBASET ALI ((ELMEGRAHI)) ARRIVED IN MALTA ON A LIBYAN ARAB AIRLINES (LAA) FLIGHT FROM TRIPOLI. HE TRAVELLED ON A LIBYAN PASSPORT UNDER THE ALIAS NAME ABD AL BASET ((ALI)). THE SAME DAY ESO OFFICER MAS'UD M. ABU ((AQILAH)), AKA ((ABOUAGELA)), ARRIVED IN MALTA ON AN AIR MALTA FLIGHT FROM TRIPOLI. HE TRAVELLED WITH A LIBYAN PASSPORT UNDER THE ALIAS NAME ABU ((AQILAH)).

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2. ELMEGRAHI WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT BY THE FORMER LAA STATION MANAGER IN MALTA AL-AMIN ((FAHAYMA)), AKA AL-AMIN KHALIFA ((FAHIM)), WHO ASSISTED ELMEGRAHI THROUGH IMMIGRATION PROCESSING. ELMEGRAHI ARRIVED WITH ONE BAG WHICH HE CARRIED ONBOARD THE

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AIRCRAFT WITH HIM. HE DEPARTED THE AIRPORT WITHOUT PROCESSING THROUGH MALTESE CUSTOMS. BOTH ELMEGRAHI AND AQILAH STAYED OVERNIGHT IN THE HOLIDAY INN AND DEPARTED MALTA TOGETHER ON 8 DECEMBER ABOARD A SWISS AIR FLIGHT ENROUTE TO ZURICH. BOTH ESO OFFICERS RETURNED TO MALTA ON THE AFTERNOON OF 17 DECEMBER AND DEPARTED FOR TRIPOLI THE SAME EVENING. (SOURCE COMMENT: BOTH ELMEGRAHI AND AQILAH ARE ESO TECHNICAL COMMUNICATIONS EXPERTS. IT IS LIKELY THAT ELMEGRAHI WAS CARRYING TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE-GATHERING EQUIPMENT WITH HIM AND THAT HE AND AQILAH WERE INVOLVED IN SOME TYPE OF TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE OPERATION DURING THEIR TRIP.)

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